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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

There is a strong desire among our members of the United Transportation Union Minnesota Legislative Board to contribute to an environment conducive to real job creation. For us, it is also important that any job creation has respect for workers and their rights to organize and bargain collectively. Whether rail transportation or telecommunications, we must move America forward.

When we have an opportunity on the horizon to foster job growth in a way that is respectful of our labor law rights, we stand united to assure that it comes to fruition.

One of those big opportunities right now pertains to the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. We support this merger, and we support the jobs that are on the horizon if the FCC helps bring this merger to an appropriately fast closing with its approval. We ask that you look carefully at the benefits to a state like Minnesota as it relates to real job creation, and approve the merger.

As the men and women who run America's railroads, we know a lot about transportation infrastructure and what it takes to reach the best possible operating efficiency standards. We believe it is no different with communications industry infrastructure. And that is important for the economy going forward. The UTU Minnesota Legislative Board stands united with our friends in Minnesota Labor in support of this merger. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Qualy".

Phillip Qualy
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